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NSC BRIEFING

20 DECEMBER 1954

FRENCH ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENTS

French assembly by 310-172 vote on
20 December accepted budget for
Associated States Ministry practically
identical with one it rejected late
on 17 December.

A. Size of majority probably not
significant, indicating merely
assembly impatience to:

(1) dismiss topic used to express
dissatisfaction over Indo-
china policy;
(2) pass on to debate on
Paris accords.

II. Favorable vote expected on Paris
accords.

A. Mendes-France expected to press
for vote on 23 December.

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